

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MARK E. NOENNIG**, on February 1, 2005  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark E. Noennig, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Emelie Eaton (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Susan Fox, Legislative Branch  
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 371, 1/20/2005; HB 384,  
1/20/2005; HB 342, 1/20/2005  
Executive Action: HB 220, HB 371, HB 347

**HEARING ON HB 371**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 371,  
Revise funding mechanism for county predator control.  
00:01:00

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:35 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties  
00:04:05 Daniella Rau, Montana Farm Bureau

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:42

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:34

**HEARING ON HB 384**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 384, Modify  
law on airport authorities.  
00:08:27

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:05 Thomas Nagorski, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:40 Tom Ebzery, Airport Managers Association  
00:21:51 Richard Roehm, Gallatin Airport Authority

**EXHIBIT (loh25a01)**

00:24:01 Paul Babb, Butte Silverbow Airport  
00:24:36 Ron Mercer, Director of Helena Airport  
00:26:22 Shag Miller, Butte Chairman of Airport Authority  
00:29:40 Tim Burton, City Manager of Helena  
00:31:28 John Smith, Chairman of Laurel Airport Authority

00:34:06 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner  
00:34:46 Bob Fusie, Commissioner Helena Regional Airport  
Authority  
00:36:37 John McKenna, Member Gallatin Airport Authority  
00:37:42 Eric Hastings, Member Gallatin Airport Authority  
00:39:57 Gary Amostey, Richland County Development  
Corportation  
00:40:35 Roy Zahn, Member Laurel Airport Authority

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:21

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:56

### **HEARING ON HB 342**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 342,  
Revise laws on special improvement districts.

01:06:53

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:12:38 Michael Bennett, Self

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a05\)](#)

01:16:23 Loreen Folsom, Self

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a06\)](#)

01:22:57 Will Snodgrass, President of Missoula Coalition

01:25:59 Russ Crowder, From Flathead County

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:29:17 Mike Kadas, Mayor of Missoula

01:33:13 Gary Forrester, Contractors Association

01:33:48 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

01:35:27 Tim Burton, City Manager of Helena

01:39:31 Chris Kukulski, City Manager of Bozeman

01:42:26 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls

01:43:02 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

01:44:59 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineers

**Informational Testimony:** None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:10

Closing by Sponsor:

02:14:26

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 220

Motion: REP. MACLAREN moved that HB 220 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:26:33

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. ARNTZEN, CAFERRO, CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. EATON moved that HB 220 be placed on consent calender.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. ARNTZEN, CAFERRO, CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 371

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 371 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:29:18

02:32:57 REP ARNTZEN returned to the room

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. CAFERRO and CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. HENDRICK moved that HB 371 be placed on the consent calender.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS CAFERRO and CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 347 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. STAHL moved that HB 347 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:38:01

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS CAFERRO and CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 347 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: REP. JACOBSON moved HB 347 be amended.

Discussion:

02:40:42

[EXHIBIT](#)(loh25a07)

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. MAEDJE voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 347 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with REPS. BARRETT and MAEDJE voting no. REPS CAFERRO and CAMPBELL voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT](#)(loh25a08) [Delivered after the meeting.](#) Gallatin County Commissioners oppose HB 384

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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REP. MARK E. NOENNIG, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([loh25aad0.PDF](#))**